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Mr. Bondurant Heads to South Carolina

by Rob Barrett

This July, after several years of high achievement as our Headmaster, Mr. Bondurant will leave the familiar campus of MBA to seek "new challenges and new opportunities" for himself. He has recently been appointed as the new headmaster of the Porter Gaud school in Charleston, South Carolina, beginning in the '88-'89 school year.

Last August, Mr. Bondurant notified the Board of Trustees of MBA that he would be resigning his position after serving one last year as the school leader for

the '87-'88 year in order to give the Board time to find a new headmaster and to "ensure a smooth transition." Mr. Bondurant has said that Porter-Gaud, his new school, is "a very fine coeducational school with 770 students, founded in 1867."

Although MBA is losing a man who has contributed greatly to it, the MBA community can look forward to the future with the very strong base Mr. Bondurant has helped build, as well as know that Mr. Bondurant's next school will also benefit from having such a fine and dedicated leader.



Photo by Kurt Gilliland

Mr. Bondurant talks in his office with senior Paul Moffat.

Paschall New MBA Chief

by Kurt Gilliland

Recently MBA named Dr. Douglas D. Paschall as the new headmaster, beginning July 1, 1988. The information was released to the student body by Joe Davis, the chairman of the Board of Directors, at the Convocation for Joe Rodgers on Thursday, April 7.

The appointment of Dr. Paschall ends a long search conducted by an inner board committee headed by Ridley Wills, II. Paschall will work closely with Mr. Bondurant during May and June to make a smooth transition.

Dr. Paschall, 44, was a 1965 Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of the South at Sewanee, where he was a co-captain of the football team. He then attended Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar and obtained a doctorate degree.

For the past 17 years, he has been an English professor and an administrator at Sewanee, where he has written many critiques and essays. He recently had a major role in the Tennessee Homecoming '86 Literary Festival, in which he was the co-director of the anthology *Homeward*. He is also on the advisory committee for the Second Annual Tennessee Literary Festival.

Dr. Paschall says he hopes to "maintain and enhance its [MBA's] standing if possible both in the region and nationally." He adds, "My vantage point is altogether different in the sense that I have not been in the position of trying to take on the leadership and guidance of a school." Dr. Paschall's experience as an educator ought to provide him ample experience, however. MBA eagerly awaits Dr. Paschall's arrival.

The End of an Era

by Kurt Gilliland

As of July 1, Mr. Gordon E. Bondurant will no longer be the MBA headmaster, a post he has held now for nine years. He has meant so much to Montgomery Bell Academy over the years. Most obvious are the physical changes about the campus which he brought: the Massey Building, the track and football stadium, the small gymnasium and wrestling arena, the Carter Hall renovation, the baseball complex, and the five new tennis

courts. These are the additions to MBA that first come to mind when one thinks of the successful Bondurant administration. Under the surface, there are many more additions. During Mr. Bondurant's stay at MBA, the Soup Kitchen and the Special Olympics programs have been implicated also.

One of the most successful parts of Mr. Bondurant's administration is that he has raised the endowment of MBA from 1.7 million to 14 million dollars.

That increase has helped increase the salaries of the faculty considerably.

MBA will be sorry to see Mr. Bondurant go. He has put so much time and effort into making MBA the best that it can possibly be. Mr. Bondurant is usually at school long before anyone else, and frequently he is the last to leave. One can almost always see his car in the MBA parking lot all alone on Saturdays and Sundays while he slaves away in his office. There

is not a single athletic event that he does not make an effort to attend, be it a microbe, freshman, JV, or varsity sport.

Mr. Bondurant is also involved with many off-campus organizations. He has been a trustee for the last 6 years for the Educational Records Bureau, an organization that handles the testing of secondary school students. For the past two years, he has been the Chairman of the Board. He is also a Director of

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New Chairman

from staff reports

On Thursday, April 14, the Montgomery Bell Academy Board of Directors elected Mr. Ridley Wills II as the new chairman of the board. Wills replaces Joe Davis, who has served as chairman since 1979 but who chose not to run for re-election.

Wills just completed his duty of leading the Board Search Committee that brought Dr. Paschall to MBA.

Joe Rodgers speaks during the convocation to the student body about his work in France. Behind him are Dr. Whiteman (middle) and senior David Spickard (right).

Photo by Pieter Foster



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Nashville, Tennessee

FEATURES

Jens Michaelis: New Man on Campus

by David Daniels

During the middle of the current grading period, MBA has had the privilege of extending a warm welcome to 16-year-old Foreign Exchange Student Jens Michaelis. Jens comes from Maim (near Frankfurt) in Germany. He will be in Nashville until June 20, 1988, learning about American culture in and out of the classroom.

Recently, the *Bell Ringer* caught up with Jens. The following is an interview with MBA's newest student:

Bell Ringer: Where are you living here in Nashville?

I am living with Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Pat Johnston.

BR: What courses are you taking at MBA?

I am taking English II with Mrs. Palmore, American History with Mr. Mikell, Algebra II with Mr. Bennett, Computer with Mr. Caldwell, and Economics with Mr. Mikell.

BR: What are your hobbies, interests, and sports you enjoy playing?

I like chess, many sports: judo and soccer.

BR: What are the differences between school in Germany and MBA?

The school system in Germany is very different from the school system here. After four years of the first school, we have two years of orientation after which we choose the school we want to go to afterwards.

There are three types of schools: one school is called Hauptschule which is five more years, Realschule which is six more years to attend class, and Gymnasium, lasting nine years. I am going to Gymnasium.

BR: What are some of the differences in German schools and MBA?

I think the main difference is that we have more subjects and



Photo by Peter Foster

Jens Michaelis, an exchange student from Germany, came to MBA after spring break.

some foreign subjects. We probably have some subjects only once — art history and sport history. We take about fourteen subjects a year. Another difference is that we don't write so many tests in half a year and we have some smaller tests (only three), which were unannounced.

BR: Do you have final exams at the end of the year?

No, we don't.

BR: What are some of your plans and future goals?

I have three more years of school. After that, every German goes into the Army for two years. Then, I want to go to the University to study.

BR: What are some of your extracurricular activities?

I do many sports — judo three times a week and I play tennis once a week. I am involved with a YMCA group at home. I like music — rock music and the groups Marillion (Scott-

tish) and Acrize (German) and "art rock" by the groups Genesis and Rush. I am in the German club and do much repelling and mountain climbing.

BR: What have you found different in American and German lifestyles?

One difference is that we have a much longer lunch, a shorter breakfast, and a short dinner, if any.

BR: What is the most popular sport in Germany?

Soccer is the most popular sport.

BR: Do you know any other languages?

Yes, Latin and Greek.

In summary, this interview has made the interviewer aware of an outstanding visitor to the MBA campus. I certainly hope the remainder of his stay in Nashville is as enjoyable for him as it has been thus far.

EYEOPENERS

B-ball All Stars. MBA's basketball team sported many good players this year. Marc Smith was named to the All-Nashville First Team, while Brad Reese was named to the Second Team. Mike Morrissey and Demetri Patikas were Honorable Mention All City. Reese and Smith also were Honorable Mention All State and received votes in the competition for the Nashville MVP.

Junior Honor Society. On February 22, MBA inducted boys from the eighth, ninth, and tenth grades into the Junior Honor Society. Each boy had to have 3 consecutive semesters of 90. Members in course include Devraj Basu, Andrew Coulam, John Dunkerley, Andrew Duthie, Jay Ferguson, Alan Hassler, Wally Jones, Kirk Kaludis, Kevin Kruse, David Lott, Babu Paruchuri, and Nate Sewell. New members inducted this year are Micah Bennett, Scott Burrow, Eric Falk, Matt Fisher, Casey Jones, John Koon, Mauro Mastrapasqua, Brian Norment, Lee Page, Eugene Park, Seth Robertson, Jackson Wray, and David Wyckoff.

Fresh Wrestling. MBA's freshman wrestling team fared well this year, finishing second in the Mid-State Regional Tournament. The team was led by co-captains Robert Echols (champion at 135) and Keith McCarty (second place). Second places were also attained by Eric Crawford and Lance Carney. John Butler, Dudley Hammon, and David Frazier received third-place medals.

Science Fair. The 1988 MBA Science Fair was a success. Junior school first places were taken by Sanjay Shenai, Paul Moses, Stephen Phillips, Alan Sundell, Ryan Tyrell, Jeremy Stone, Bo Sundius, and Russellbert Acosta. In the high school division, Eric Falk had the best project in botany, while Brent Cummings took the honors in zoology. Devraj Basu won first in microbiology. The prize in physics went to John Smithwick, while chemistry was swept by David Neff and Mauro Mastrapasqua.

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The following people have made contributions to the newspaper over the first four issues of this year but are not staff members because they have not yet attained three credits:

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the National Association of Independent Schools. For the past 14 years, he has been a member of the Institute for the Development of Educational Activities. In addition, he is a participant in the Independent Educational Services and the Educational Leadership Colloquium.

Mr. Bondurant also participates in several regional organizations, such as the Southern Association of Independent Schools, of which he is the

immediate past president. He has also served as the Chairman of the Athletic Committee for the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools.

The accomplishments listed above are important, but what MBA will remember most about Mr. Bondurant is that he is a "people" person. Knowing the name of every student in the school from grades seven to twelve, he greets everyone he sees about the campus and takes time out of his busy schedule for brief chat.

Another interesting trait of Mr. Bondurant is his willingness to be involved with the school's activities. One sees him in a coat and tie at school in the week, yet on the weekends he can be seen in casual dress serving cokes at the state track meet. There are not many events he misses.

Mr. Bondurant has done so much for Montgomery Bell Academy over these nine years. MBA has lost not only a leader but also a friend. July 1 will mark the end of an era here on the Hill.

FEATURES

The French Connection

by Kurt Gilliland

Over spring break this year, ten MBA students and two teachers went to France for the annual MBA Travel Club excursion. Led by Dr. Gaffney and Mrs. Christeson, the group saw Paris, Tours, Dinard, and the countryside in between in eight days.

The group consisted of seniors Edgar Bueno, Ward Chaffin, Kurt Gilliland, Charlie Hailey, John Overfield, and Will Van Derveer. Also on the trip were sophomores Steven Anderson and John Lamb and freshmen George Adams and Jim Hill.

On Friday, March 11, the group set out from the Nashville Airport. The 12-hour flight (including a 3-hour layover in London where no one was allowed to exit the plane) proved to be an example of *Huis Clos*. The highlight of the flight was the old Belgian fogey who would let no one under 18 pass through aisle while he was reading, while John Overfield amused all by spilling an entire carton of vinaigrette salad dressing on his shirt. Finally the MBA ensemble landed in Brussels, Belgium, and readied themselves for a bus ride to Paris, France.

Ironically, on the bus MBA was with groups from Memphis University School and BGA. That night in Paris, the group met up with school groups from

Jackson, Mississippi, and from Wisconsin (the Green Mountain Boys), with whom they would spend the entire week. Also at this time, the group met up with Rebecca, their ACIS tour guide from England. The first Parisienne meal was at *Le Bistrot Romain*, where Edgar was convinced that he had been served horsemeat instead of beefsteak. Later the group went to the top of the Eiffel Tower and on the way back to the hotel began to understand the necessity of belonging to the Metro Frequent Flyer Program as Dr. Gaffney took them home the long way. Will quickly coined the word *schmo* for any unknown Frenchman.

The next day, the seniors had the unfortunate experience of eating their first French breakfast, which consists only of a hard roll, a croissant, and coffee. This first full day in Paris took everyone to the "basic" sites: Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, the Pompidou Center (where everyone sampled *croque-monsieurs*), and the Louvre. The visit to Notre Dame was interesting, for the entire MBA group had mass (whether Catholic or not). It was obvious afterwards who was not Catholic, especially one senior who threw coins in the holy water, thinking it a collection bowl. In communion, another senior tried to snatch the bread away from the priest, who

wanted to place it on his tongue. It did not take Edgar long to notice all the dogs in Paris. Knowing that "Medor" is the French equivalent of "Fido," Edgar therefore yelled "Medor" at every dog in site, attracting strange looks from the natives. The night provided a fascinating (?) boat ride down the Seine River.

The next day brought Dr. Gaffney's crew to a medieval museum and then a bank for exchanging travelers' checks for French francs, which were much-needed for the expensive meals about to be had at the Cafe de la Paix, the hangout of Ernest Hemingway at the climax of his career. The afternoon was free for shopping (or for the Wardman to get "un Coca" to remember his American culture) and the night free for seniors to roam the Champs-Elysees.

On Tuesday, the group left Paris to see Versailles, the huge palace of Louis XIV. The afternoon's agenda included the Chartres Cathedral. After a full day of travel through the Loire Valley, the MBA ensemble ended up in Tours where things were a little more modern than in Paris.

It was obvious that in certain restaurants, the owners would try to Americanize the food to please the group. When Edgar received a slice of pizza sitting on a wisp of lettuce, he ex-



The MBA tour group in France poses in Renault's, a restaurant on the Champs Elysees.

claimed, "Pizza? Lettuce? Yuuuul!" After dinner, the seniors went to *Le Bateau Ivre* to hear Bouvier, a modern French rock band.

Wednesday brought the group to the countryside where they saw the famous chateaux: Chambord, Chenonceau, and Amboise. The day was capped off by wine tasting at Vouvray. That night some went to a French theatre to see *Fatal Attraction*, coming back from which they barely escaped the wrath of a French drunkard.

As the trip neared its end, the group left Tours and headed for Dinard. On the way, they saw Mont St. Michel, an old cathedral that used to be on an island at high tide and part of the mainland at low tide. The night was interesting, for the group met with some British girls at the

hotel, all of whom Steven "Privé" Anderson plans to write. Meanwhile, John Overfield had laughing attacks in his room because of the British girls who said that he had "a nice bum."

Friday, included the Norman Tapestry at Bayeux, the D-Day beaches, the American Cemetery at Normandy, Caen, and another stop in Paris, where everyone ate at Renault's for their last French dinner. The next day proved miserable, for all got up at 4:AM for a 4-hour bus ride to Brussels, where they began a 12-hour flight to Atlanta. After a stretch of not sleeping on a bed for 25 hours (because of long flights and the time change), the 12 weary travelers arrived back in Nashville. This trip was a great educational experience, and at the same it was enjoyed by everyone.

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Womack's Boys Go North

by Lawrence Berman

While most of you were discovering the identity of the new headmaster and listening to Ambassador Rodgers, eight art history students — Patrick Keeble, Jay Riven, Lawrence Berman, Matt Bumstead, Rhoads Hall, Jeff Joe, Willie Johnson, and Albert Tirao — went with Mr. Womack and Mr. Moxley to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. After a two-hour flight, they finally plunged into Philadelphia's rainy 40-degree weather. John Joe, an MBA alumnus, met the group at their hotel to lead them to dinner in a roundabout way, enabling them to see more than they cared of the inner city. After a spicy dinner in Chinatown, they walked to the Philadelphia Orchestra where they enjoyed a Mozart Piano Concerto and a Dvorak symphony that was in-

credibly well-performed.

Friday, after a brief night in the restored Barclay Hotel, the sight-seers set out to see William Strickland's *Second National Bank* and a few of the sculptures on the streets of Philadelphia including Claes Oldenberg's 30 foot *Clothes Pin* and Jacques Lipchitz's *Good Government*. In the Philadelphia Museum of Art, they saw many works by Duchamp and Brancusi. There was a special gallery of works by Anselm Kiefer, a contemporary German artist who works with somber themes of Nazi Germany, and a great many older works by a variety of artists that have been studied throughout the year in Art History AP. After lunch, the mind-boggled group toured the Rodin museum and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts before a night flight to Pittsburgh.

The highlight of the trip came Saturday morning when the group spent two hours at Frank Lloyd Wright's *Falling Water* house. This house was built to blend with its environment and sits over a waterfall. Saturday afternoon, they returned to Pittsburgh, where Rhoads Hall attracted an audience while giving his report in front of Philip Johnson's *Pittsburgh Paint and Glass Building*. Saturday night, the art-fatigued group got a change of pace, seeing George Burns' new movie and getting some much needed sleep. Sunday, the art enthusiasts fulfilled their search for beauty and meaning at the Carnegie Museum on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh before wearily boarding the plane for a couple hours of music and homework before arriving home.

***"Good luck to the
Class of '88 in its
future endeavors."
-- from a friend***

ENTERTAINMENT

Finally: An Article For All Deadheads

by John Henry Rice
and Willie Johnson

"There's a band out on the highway high steppin' into town. / It's a rainbow full of sound. / It's fireworks, callopes, and clowns." Most still driving to get to Terrapin, Deadheads flocked to the Omni to catch the opening show of the Dead's Spring Tour/Experience, their first since the New Year's Kaiser shows. One could feel the tension mount as the technicolor rainbow of people with rings on their fingers and bells on their shoes, most having arrived hours before, sold a few more wares before packing into the 15,000 seat venue. "Looks like a rowdy crowd tonight," remarked Spac'n Dave who was there to welcome us to our seats.

Dave, a fine upstanding citizen, proceeded to tell us of the latest fiascos: "I haven't slept in like forty hours, and somebody dosed my punch."

As the house lights dimmed, and our recently acquainted soulmate disappeared into the crowd, the long-awaited moment had come. "They're a band beyond description... / Like Jehova's favorite choir. /

People joinin' hand in hand, while the music plays the band... / Lord, they're setting us on fire."

After Jer toked on a Pall Mall (that's about it these days) and the band tuned up, they faked "Bertha" and launched into a rousing "Touch of Grey." From the first chord, it was evident that it was to be a hot night in Atlanta. As the haze built up, the Dead shuffled flawlessly in and out of tunes: "Walkin' Blues," "Candyman," Dylan's "Queen Jane Approximately," "Loser," "Used to Love Her," and Brent Mydland's scorching "Far From Me." "Everybody's dancin'! C'mon children, c'mon children, C'mon clap your hands!"

To the delight of the audience, the set ended with a groovin' "Cassidy," straight into a raucous "Don't Ease Me In."

As the band broke for thirty minutes, the crowd mingled and embraced with tears in their eyes, joyous to be back on the bus again after a two-and-a-half-month layover. "Skipping through the lily fields, / I came upon an empty space. / Trembled and exploded; left a

bus stop in its place. / Bus came by and I got on; that's when it all began. / Cowboy Neal at the wheel of a bus to never, never land."

As the start of the second set drew nearer, the fans assembled back into the hall. In keeping with the tradition of Southeast shows, the Boys began with "Mississippi Half-step Uptown Toodleloo." Following the rousing "Half-step" refrain, Bobby stormed through a howling "Looks Like Rain," foreshadowing the awesome energy of the show to come. Here, the band entered into an hour-long, non-stop, parallel of lights and sound. "The fields are full of dancin' / Full of singin' and romancin' / The music never stopped."

Words cannot describe the beautiful power as Jerry and Bob harmonized on "Terrapin Station." Bill "Yin" Kreutzmann and Mickey "Yang" Hart then proved themselves to be in fine form with an ethereal "Drumz," followed by a mind-blowing "Space" that left most of the audience gasping for air. Heading straight into more conventional vibes, the



Jerry Garcia: Patron Saint of Deadheads

Guys poured out every ounce of heart and soul with "Truckin'," "I Need a Miracle," "Wharf Rat," and ended that set with Pigpen's classic "Lovelite." This final rush of energy featured Jerry enveloped in a cryptical green cone of light during "Wharf Rat."

As the band left the stage, the fans eagerly awaited one final dose from the Dead Boys. "Old men sing about their dreams, / Women laugh and children scream, / And the band keeps playin' on..."

This final fix came in the form of Jerry thoughtfully singing the eternal words of Robert Hunter in the encore "Black

Muddy River." That was it. No "Dark Star" this time, but three hours plus of the Dead's best music. "Such a long, long time to be gone And a short time to be there."

The next day, it almost seemed to be no more than a dream, but it was enough to convince these two rookies that there really is nothing like a Grateful Dead concert. "Keep on dancin' through to daylight, / Greet the morning air with song, / No one's noticed, but the band's all packed and gone... / Were they ever here at all? / But we kept on dancin'... / C'mon children, c'mon children, / C'mon clap your hands."

Blowin' in the Wind

by Dave Workman

Peter, Paul, and Mary, the popular folk-artists trio of the sixties, performed at Nashville's Tennessee Performing Arts Center on the 27th of March to an appreciative audience of adults as well as children.

This most recent success in Nashville is one of many that began in 1961, when this newly formed trio began performing in Greenwich Village (New York City). Contributing to the music of the sixties, Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stookey, and Mary Travers produced many popular LP's such as: "If I Had A Hammer" (1962), "Puff the Magic Dragon" (1963), "Blowin' in the Wind" (1963), "I Dig Rock 'n' Roll Music" (1967), and "Leaving on a Jet Plane" (1969).

Unexpectedly, this well-admired group separated in 1970, to pursue individual careers. In 1978 the trio reunited for an anti-nuclear war demonstration in Los Angeles. Since then, each has continued to succeed in his chosen career, punc-

tuated by reunion concerts.

Peter, Paul, and Mary entranced the audience with such well-remembered tunes as: "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "500 Miles," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Puff the Magic Dragon," and "This Land Is Your Land." They included a unique version of the Western classics "Ghost Riders in the Sky" as well. The concert was a truly remarkable moment and will be treasured by the many who attended.

After this memorable event, Peter Yarrow remarked on various topics to the few who remained afterwards to obtain autographs, hand shakes, and hugs, and to have a word with the musical legends who inspire so many. Peter answered questions, including his opinions about the children of today and tomorrow and how the future will affect them.

Unlike many performers who are born and die, Peter, Paul, and Mary are always "Blowin' in the Wind."

Miles Maille Presents MBA's "Best Art Show Ever"

by Todd Wise

A few weeks ago, the MBA community was treated to a rare and special occurrence. On March 6, Miles Maille brought to the MBA library his own special blend of carnival atmosphere and artistic works. Miles, known for his unique shirts, his murals, and his bus (that's right, he painted an actual bus, not just a picture of one), brought a collection of paintings, drawings, papier maché sculptures, and mixed media art in his one man exhibit. This show emphasized Maille's standing as one of the leading artists in Nashville.

In his work, Maille develops a style that can best be described as a pseudopsychedelic explosion of technicolor nightmares from a color neonist's darkest Hell. The vibrant colors of his work come alive, giving a brilliance to his work that is hard to

mind the neon atmosphere of a carnival. His paintings often come out of the canvas, literally, with the addition of different planes to the canvas, and his papier maché sculptures are virtually three-dimensional versions of the figures within his paintings. His subject matter is usually somewhat abstracted human forms and cities, although occasionally he creates and entirely abstract work. He works with a flowing style, with the forms building upon each other until the entire canvas is filled with motion. This style is very effective in creating his own unique images and impressions.

The Miles Maille exhibit was important to the MBA community for several reasons. It brought to the school the work of one of the most renowned artists in Nashville, giving the

exhibit city-wide importance. This most likely reflected well upon the school. More important, however, were the new ideas to which the school was exposed. The entire MBA student body was given an opportunity to examine an artist's work which differed from the normal approach, even down to its presentation (I especially liked the newspaper strung all over the library, if for no other reason than to give the librarians something else to worry about besides an occasional stray remark between students or the depletion of all the books). The show helped redefine many students' and faculty members' ideas about art, as was seen by the rapid sale of Miles Maille T-shirts. Thus, the Maille exhibit was an event of monumental importance to the MBA community.

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SPORTS

Tennis Looks For Second State Title

by Arthur Henderson

The chances for another superior MBA tennis season are "spotty" despite the fact that junior Bill "Buster" Cherry has returned carrying the weighty burden of two state TSSAA state singles championship titles. In the last issue the question was asked, "Can MBA defend the team state title this year?"

From an unbiased point of view, the answer is "possibly." It must be noted that the team is very young, with only two seniors on the squad. The current lineup is as follows: (1) Bill "Buster" Cherry, (2) Frank "Super Gnat" Drowia, (3) Leighton "Casper" Thomas, (4) Arthur "Bad Dog" Henderson, (5) Andy "Silent but Deadly" Underwood, (6) Sterile Price, (7) Oman "the omen" Sloan, (8) "Bill" Sharpe Belote, (9) Daniel "Hey Dude" Donelson, (10) Andrew "Llama" Coulam, and (11) Carter "McNobody" McNabb. The team is currently led by Mr. Postoff and Buster Cherry, but it is understood that legitimacy is poor and that an overthrow of these two "leaders" in the near future is a distinct possibility.

Nevertheless, the team began

with pre-season practice during the first week of April. The practices appeared to pay off when the perennial MBA team ran through Hillwood, Clarksville, and Brentwood Academy like a hot knife through butter. But just as the team's arrogance was at its peak, the team traveled to the neighboring city of Chattanooga where the team suffered a severe and painful loss to Baylor with only Buster Cherry's winning for the team. However, the punishment was not yet over. The team faced a loaded Rotary tournament field. It so happened that four out of the six MBA team members had to play #1 seeds in the first round of the tournament. Nevertheless, there still was a sign of optimism on the team as the first matches of the tournament approached. Surprisingly, MBA was able to turn the tables on the Chattanooga Rotary criminals as Buster Cherry, Andy Underwood, and Sterile Price claimed first round victories. However, as time passed, Andy and Sterile were eliminated. Buster not only won his first two rounds of the tournament but also teamed with the fantastic, ultradynamic

Arthur "Bad Dog" Henderson for a first-round doubles win. As the first day of Rotary play came to a close, the team was in third place behind Baylor and McCallie.

On the final day of the Rotary tourney, Cherry played Baylor's Chuck Coleman for the #1 singles crown. He was able to capture the win over the super-looking Chuck Coleman, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. However, when Cherry teamed with "Bad Dog" Henderson, it was apparent that Buster had no more energy left for doubles. As a result, the team of Cherry and "Bad Dog" Henderson was defeated by Baylor's Roberto Valente and Chuck Coleman 6-1, 6-3, despite all the efforts and tricks of "Bad Dog" to pull out the match for the Big Red. Nevertheless, the Big Red came out with a 3rd place position in the Rotary Tournament.

Although they suffered a loss in pessimistic Chattanooga, the team has returned to the great city of Nashville with the intent of ruthlessly destroying its opponents in the next few weeks.

Once again, good luck to Mr. Postoff and the team in their desperate quest for yet another state championship.

The Big Red Fish

by Robb Ludwick

The 1987-88 MBA Swim Team ended its third successful season this past February. Starting last October, the swimmers began daily practices under Nashville Aquatic Club coaches hoping to summon last year's accomplishment of second place in the Mid-State Conference. The MBA team had several dual meets before Christmas, where Father Ryan and Gallatin were unable to beat the well-practiced Big Red. After Christmas, the Big Red suffered its only loss to Brentwood High, a team which practices year-round and has several swimmers capable of Junior-Nationals Competitions. The Conference meet on January 30 was MBA's opportunity to shine, and the swimmers performed very well indeed. Even after having missed a week of practice because of exams, MBA placed a strong second out of nine participating teams. Earning points for MBA were Brent Cummings, first in the 100 breast (breaking his own Conference Meet Record), and first in the 100 fly; co-captain Tommy Hayes, fifth in the 100

breast; Pieter Foster, fifth in the 100 free and seventh in the 100 back; co-captain Robb Ludwick, third in the 200 I.M. and fifth in the 100 back; seventh grader Bo Sundius, fifth in the 100 fly; and Tom Benning, fifth in the 500 free. Others participating were Rally Dupps, Donnie Scurlock, Jay Joyner, Allen Sundell, Howard Rietz, Bobby Zapf, Scott Yates, Brad Bell, and Matt Foster. Three weeks later at the State Meet in Knoxville, Brent Cummings placed seventh in the 200 I.M. and fourth in the 200 breast. Though not officially placing, Ludwick, Hayes, Joyner, Bell, Benning, Yates, and Foster also swam well and posted several personal best times. Each of these just mentioned had to qualify by time at some point during the regular season. All but four swimmers will be returning next year, so the team expects a good performance from an experienced team. Both Bo Sundius and Brent Cummings should prove valuable next year, as well as Scott Yates once he perfects his flip-turn. Congratulations to this year's team and good luck next year!



Photo by Pieter Foster
Robb Ludwick, co-captain of the swim team, rejoices after winning his heat of the 100 back.

MBA Hockey: The Ice Capades Comes to Town

by Trevor Edwards

The MBA ice hockey team finished out its season on March 25 and 26 in games against Father Ryan and against a Hillwood team consisting of players from schools all over Davidson County. With a loss to Ryan and a win over Hillwood already under their belts, the team prepared for the upcoming slugfest with Ryan, a team that has beaten MBA in hockey for the past three years. Seeking revenge for their last defeat of 6-4, MBA fielded a tough first line composed of veterans Jeff Lundstrum and Thomas Carlton on wings, De Thompson at center, Willie Johnson and Joe Nameth on defense, and Trevor Edwards in the goal. The second line was headed up by the tiny but skilled Brian Cherrington at center, Chris Cigarran and Chris

Shea on wings, and John Winston and Kurt Martin on defense. The game started out well for MBA, who was easily holding its own; however, things took a turn for the worse, and when the final horn sounded, MBA stood in defeat 9-5. At 8:00 the next morning, a partial team assembled on the ice to fight their final battle of the season against the Nashville High School team under the Hillwood flag. Even though outnumbered by the skilled Hillwood team, MBA was able to keep a two to three goal lead most of the game but was unable to stop the Hillwood team from making a third period comeback to tie the game 8-8. The team's chances next year are high in that only one player, senior Trevor Edwards, is leaving. Under the leadership of De Thompson, Jon Nameth, Jeff

Lundstrum, and Brian Cherrington, the MBA ice hockey team should be able to mold its new recruits into a well-respected and feared fighting force.

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Varsity Track Team Looks To Region and State

by Kurt Gilliland

This year's varsity track team has proved thus far to be one of the best in MBA history. Before spring break, MBA plastered Hillwood 77-50, with first-place individual performances by James Gooch in the high jump, Demetri Patikas in the shot put, Rabin Nimmo in the discus, Rob Barrett in the 100, 200, and 400, Rob Archer in the intermediate hurdles, and Steve Zibas in the mile and two-mile. Also victorious was the 400 relay team of Michael McNally, Andy Patterson, Emmett Russell, and Alden Smith.

The next week was disappointing, as MBA lost to Overton by the score 70.5 to 66.5. Emmett Russell gave MBA valuable points in the high jump (6-2) and long jump (20 feet plus) as usual, while Patikas and McNally led the shot and pole vault, respectively. Zibas contributed his expected double by giving MBA first in the mile (4:39) and first in the two-mile, while James Gooch won the half-mile 2:05.

The next week, the Red had a triangular meet with Oak Ridge and Hunters Lane. Steve Zibas was MBA's point leader, scoring 10 points with his double victory in the mile (4:34) and two-mile (9:59). McNally, Patikas, Russell, and Smith composed the 800 relay, MBA's

only victorious relay. Surprisingly enough, MBA came out with 59.5 points for first place, just a half-point ahead of Oak Ridge with 59 and just 3.5 points above Hunters Lane with 56.

The Red continued its tradition of close, exciting meets the next week when they defeated Hillsboro 72-65 because of the heroics of the mile relay team (composed of McNally, Patikas, Russell, and Smith), who had to win the event for MBA to win the meet. The sweep of the field events saved the Red. Russell swept the jumping events, while McNally tied for first in the pole vault at 12-0. Dan Brooks contributed a first place in the shot with a throw of 47-11, while Edgar Bueno won the discus with a toss of 120-22. Barrett took honors in the 400-meter dash with 52.7, while Gooch and Zibas won the mile and two-mile, respectively.

Saturday, April 9, the Big Red took a road trip to Chattanooga for the Mid-South Track Classic at McCallie. This prestigious meet included 15 private schools from Tennessee and Georgia. Steve Zibas led the team by placing second in the two-mile and first in the mile, with a meet record of 4:25. The 400 and 800 relays of McNally, Patikas, Russell, and Alden Smith placed first. The two-mile relay of Lanson Hyde, Chad Enders, Kurt Gilliland,

and James Gooch placed second. Rob Barrett was another champion, defending his 200-meter dash title by winning this sprint for the second year in a row. Barrett also placed second in the 100 and sixth in the 400. Overall, MBA placed second in the meet to Brentwood Academy. The team defeated such powers as Baylor, McCallie, Marist, Westminster, Lovett, BGA, and MUS.

The next week, the Big Red racked up 111 points to slaughter Glencliff (32.5) and Brentwood High School (31.5). The most impressive feat of the meet was Emmett Russell's personal record leap in the high jump of 6-5. Patikas and Bueno snatched first place in the discus and shot, respectively, while Matt Inman won the pole vault. Rob Archer came through in the hurdles as a double winner, while Gooch won the 800 and the 1600. The relays were also successful. The following were first place: the 400 relay of McNally, Patikas, Russell, and Smith; the 1600 relay of Bryan, Gilliland, Archer, and Russell; and the 3200 relay of Binkley, Vandever, Gilliland, and Zibas. Naturally, Barrett won the 400, while Zibas kicked back and still won the 3200 with a 10:26.

The true strength of the team will come through in the Nashville Relays, Optimist, Banner Relays, and Region.



Emmett Russell runs the anchor leg of the 1600 Relay.

Track Bests Through April 13

High Jump.....	Emmett Russell.....	6-5
Long Jump.....	Emmett Russell.....	20-9
Pole Vault.....	Michael McNally.....	13-7
Shot Put.....	Dan Brooks.....	47-10
Discus.....	Edgar Bueno.....	124-3
110 H.....	Rob Archer.....	16.4
300 L.....	Rob Archer.....	43.5
100.....	Rob Barrett.....	11.3
	Michael McNally.....	11.3
200.....	Rob Barrett.....	23.1
400.....	Rob Barrett.....	51.4
800.....	James Gooch.....	2:02
1600.....	Steve Zibas.....	4:25
3200.....	Steve Zibas.....	9:47
400 Relay.....	Michael McNally, Demetri Patikas, Emmett Russell, Alden Smith.....	44.6
800 Relay.....	McNally, Patikas, Russell, Smith.....	1:33
1600 Relay.....	McNally, Patikas, Russell, Smith.....	3:32
3200 Relay.....	Lanson Hyde, Chad Enders, Kurt Gilliland, James Gooch.....	8:27

An In-Depth Analysis of Microbe Sports

Track

by Matt Zibas

The microbe track team is posting one of its best seasons in years. Thus far, they have defeated FRA, Grassland, and Brentwood Middle School.

The sprinters are the strength of the squad. Carter Baker and Eric Crawford run the 100 meter dash, while Ray Brooks and Jaratt Bell handle the 200 meter dash. The sprinters ensemble is completed by Julian Bibb, who runs the 400 along with Brooks.

The long distance tradition of MBA is being continued by Justin Crosslin, Matt Zibas, and Hal Pickel.

The microbes have also developed a competent field events crew. Baker and Andy Russ (who also runs the 110 meter hurdles) star in the pole vault. The throwers are paced by Bo Bartholomew, Paul

Moser, and Kinnard, while Bell, Baker, and Brooks handle the jumping events.

The relays tend to be the weak link of these young "thinly clad." Moser, Russ, Baker, and Bell have developed a fine 400 relay, yet the microbes still lack an 800 relay. The 1600 relay also needs work.

Coach Gaither said, "Because of their sprints and relays, these men have succeeded, albeit they are young. Having thus proved themselves, they have the sky as the limit, here on the ... uh ... 'Hill.'"

Baseball

by Oman Sloan

Although the season has only just begun, the Microbe Baseball team has started with a 1-1 record. This year, the Little Red has an impressive lineup: David Corts on first base, Brent Miller on second, Ryan Tyrell on third,

Ben Nimmo at catcher, Bo Bartholomew at right field, John Arendale at short stop, Eric Crawford at centerfield, and John Teeter and R.A. Dickey, who is also a left fielder, as pitchers.

The Microbes started the season with a 9-10 loss to FRA. Although they lost, the Red fought a valiant game with notable performances from Brent Miller, who made two hits and two RBI's; Ryan Tyrell with two hits and three RBI's; and John Arendale, who made two hits and two RBI's. Starting the first five innings, John Teeter pitched five strikeouts, and, replacing Teeter for two innings, R.A. Dickey pitched two strikeouts.

Recovering from this defeat was the stolid leadership of Coach Toni, the Little Red ran over Grassland in a 10-5 victory. John Teeter pitched an impressive five innings with eight

strikeouts, while R.A. Dickey made three strikeouts during his two innings of play. Eric Crawford and R.A. Dickey cranked out four and two hits respectively. The highlight of the game, however, was Bo Bartholomew's three run homer which sent the Little Red to the win.

Good luck to the Microbes as the season roles on.

Tennis

by Frank Bass

The Microbe Tennis Team has started out powerfully, thanks to Mr. Haywood Moxley, the coach of the Little Red. This is Mr. Moxley's first year as head coach of the Microbe team, but he still coaches flawlessly. Many superb athletes compose this forceful team, including eight eighth graders and two seventh graders. As of now, the Top Ten players on Mr.

Moxley's team include the following in correct ranking: (1) Andy Stoll, (2) David Fitzgerald, (3) Jackson Wray, (4) Roy Alley, (5) Malcolm Sewell, (6) Greg Jones, (7) Eric Ericson, (8) Ben Curtis, (9) Mathew Simpson, and (10) William Rice. This year's team hopes to continue the tradition set by last year's Microbe Team: winning the HVAC title. According to Mr. Moxley, it looks as if the team has an excellent chance to win the title, for the Little Red crushed a threatening FRA 5-0. Because of bad weather, the Microbe Tennis Team had no chance to show its force against a weaker BGA. The match was postponed until a later date. The team practices hard and plays tough, and along with the notorious coaching tips by Mr. Moxley, the team is unstoppable. Come on out and watch the Microbe Tennis Team as they roll on past their opponents.

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Florida Finds Fun, Frolic For Freddie Forehand

by John Israel

After weeks of preparation with yo-yo practice and Coach Forehand's mandatory fungo bat cup checks, the MBA Baseball team embarked on its fifth annual Spring Training trip to Clearwater, Florida. Sixteen players, one manager, and three coaches made the trip in vans and cars, but only four of us were fortunate enough to ride with Coach Forehand and his country music while listening to him argue with Coach Bennett.

Once everyone was there, Coach Forehand laid down the rules for the trip. In previous years, the team had gotten into trouble for leaving trash cans of water against doors so that they would spill when the door was opened and for Jim Harwell's

climbing behind the counter at a McDonald's when the employees were not watching and taking some people's orders.

Most people slept late and laid out by the pool the first day (Saturday), but that night most of the team went out to dinner by the beach where Scott "Elvis" Burrow said he was embarrassed with the team and wanted to leave. Afterwards they went to the beach where someone told the attendant that his father owned the lot, but they still had to pay. While they were there, two girls asked Brad about a parking space, on which subject he was generous, but they ignored him and decided to talk to John Israel instead.

The rest of the week involved a three to four hour practice each morning but free-time the rest of

the day. Sunday, Brad and Jeff each took about 80 ground balls on the Phillies' field before getting kicked off. Monday, several people went to the Dog Tracks where most lost money. Tuesday, they (everyone over 18) went to see Jai Alai (it was fixed!) where they spent and lost more money.

During practice on Wednesday, Billy Lyell jammed his thumb, so Coach Forehand, Coach Bennett, Bill, and Israel sat for two hours at a clinic to get it x-rayed and spend \$75.00 for 16 Advil tablets. Coach Bennett entertained the crew by bragging to the nurse that he knew Dr. Frist since it was an HCA clinic.

I would like to close with a quote from Jim Harwell: "Come on now Matts!!!"



Photo by Devraj Basu

Jim Norris, a senior, huris a pitch in a varsity baseball game.

Freshman Tracksters City Champions?

by Luke Davis

With four big wins under its belt, the talent-loaded 1988 Freshman Track team has its eyes set on the Junior High City Championships at MBA April 20th. Outscoring their opponents 356-98, the frosh have trounced Hillwood, Overton, Hendersonville Hawkins, and Whites Creek. Leading scorer Alex Waddey runs the 100 and 200 and anchors the 4x100 relay, while still finding time to long jump and high jump, an event in which he cleared 6 feet at Overton. He plans to master many other events such as pole vault. Not far behind in scoring is Keith McCarty, who usually battles the longer-legged Waddey for the 100 victory and who also runs the 200, pole vaults, and runs relays. Also pole vaulting is

Robert Echols, who hopes to continue MBA's string of freshman pole vaulting city championships. Shot putter Matt Poe has provided steady performances for the Big Red while Adin Lara is the leading thrower in the discus. In the hurdles, Dudley Hammond continues to prove that technique is at least as important as height. Middle-distance runners Walter Southwood and George Reitz provide support in the 400 and the 800, respectively. Casey Jones and Keith Ikard form a pair of milers and half-milers that promise state championships down the road. Strong relay teams composed in various combinations of Alex Waddey, Keith McCarty, Philip Avant, Cabot Hyde, George Reitz, Logan Fortner, Dudley Hammond, Micah Bennett, Casey Jones,

Rob Lance, Keith Ikard, and Walter Southwood round out the squad.

Perhaps the most satisfying victory for the frosh was an 87-21 bashing of Hillwood. The Big Red steamrolled the bewildered Hilltoppers. On March 24, the Big Red won big 81-37 over Overton on the Bobcats' home track. The following Wednesday, the Frosh travelled to Harpeth Hall to face an undermanned Hawkins team as they triumphed 93-25. The best proof that the Frosh are contenders was their 94-25 victory over the Cobras from Whites Creek. The Frosh struck first and never looked back, winning all relays.

Says Coach Bill Compton, "We definitely have a chance (at the city championship) if we stay healthy."

Junior Varsity Baseball Rolls

by Harrison Shull

Spring is here and that means baseball season. The JV players have been working hard since before spring break. The team is led by a strong infield of Joe Underwood, Micheal Brooks, Will Chapman, Chris Vlahos, David Daniels, Mark Kerrigan, De Thompson, and Scott Burrow. The outfield will be covered by Kevin King, Billy Lyell, and Billy Crawford.

Varsity players helping out are Tiger Harris, Richard Arendale, Jay Ferguson, Forrest Connor, and Doug Miles.

To this date, the JV has had three games. They lost first to David Lipscomb (8-2). Kevin

King, Jay Ferguson, and Scott Burrow turned in strong performances in this game. Then the JV Big Red played Brentwood to a tie score of 8-8. Micheal Brooks, Glen Harris, Richard Arendale, and Scott Burrow all played outstanding games. Next, the Red moved on to Hillsboro, whom they soundly defeated by a score of 12-6. This win was sparked by Kevin King's great pitching effort (9 strikeouts). Also having good games were Billy Lyell and Will Chapman. The JV Baseball team is doing well with a 1-1-1 record. The weather is nice; everyone needs to come out to watch these guys play.

"Football" Team Approaches District Tourney

by Paul Moffat

There was some apprehension this year as to how the '88 soccer team would fare during its season because of the large number of starting seniors lost from last year's team. Thus far, much of this apprehension can be put aside by the Big Red's quality performances.

The opening match had the soccer team visiting BGA. Opening game jitters and poor, muddy playing conditions may have been a factor in the Red's 0-2 loss. The second game brought to the Hill district rival Overton. In an incredibly close game, the Big Red managed to tie a stronger Bobcat team 0-0.

Brad Bishop played a great game in the field, and the MBA freshman goalkeeper Drew Healy made numerous saves.

The soccer team finally got its first taste of victory in a 6-0 victory over USN, making their district record 1-0-1. Later that week, MBA had to travel to Clarksville. In other close game, the Red managed to stay above their opponents and save a win 4-3. The game was described in a single word by Coach Lanier: "wierd."

A third district matchup for the soccer team was archival Father Ryan. With 20 minutes remaining, the Big Red were down 4-0 but managed to spark

a 2 goal rally with Chris Hall and Drew Heitzler. Unfortunately, the rfly did not continue, and the game ended in a 5-2 loss. However, the Big Red quickly bounced back and after only one day of practice were able to beat a larger and more physical McGavock team 2-0 thanks to intelligent defensive play by Tom Gutow, a senior sweeper.

With the season record standing at 3-2-1 (1-1-1 district), the team had to face their longstanding opponents, the Hendersonville Commandos. Facing the deficit much like the Ryan game, MBA was down 4-nil with 25 minutes left in the

game. MBA, however, staged an amazing comeback to tie it up 4-4 on David Fletcher's shot. Unfortunately, H-town managed to sneak in a fifth goal and hold on for a win. Great games were played by Fletcher, Chris Hall, Brad Bishop, and Justin

Maestas.

Leading scorer for Big Red thus far is David Fletcher with eight goals and 2 assists. Chris Hall chalked up 4 goals and four assists, while Smithwick and LaBrec have 1 goal and 1 assist each.

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